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The proposed settlement between Microsoft and the government has no teeth.

- (1) Microsoft is a monopoly..this is a proven fact held up in court and on appeals.
- (2) Not knowing the law, what is the boundries of a monopoly..Can they keep their monopoly based on the law, where the law protects them, or is the court's intention to promote competition.
- (3) The findings of the court should have no loopholes (as I have read in the settlement agreement)
- (4) If an OEM is responsible for installing and supporting a Microsoft product then they shall have the right to adjust what they want the customer to see. Which means it is not up to them to supply Microsoft icons on the screen. However if Microsoft sells their product to an end-user they can do want they want. The difference is that by having an OEM reseller install and support the product, Microsoft is almost entirely void of anti-class action suits, whereas the reseller is not.
- (5) All Microsoft products should be sold at the same price, whether to an OEM'er or to the general public.
This would take away all secret deals and clout. It would raise the price of their software, however it would be fair for all, which is what a monopoly should be concerned about.
- (6) Since the federal government and a number of states have "won" the case and found Microsoft to be guilty, they should bar any Microsoft products from being installed for 5 years. This would give all other vendors an opportunity for market share. This is what Microsoft has done..as in the settlement with Caldera for DR-DOS.
- (7) On the X-box..Microsoft has said they are selling the product below cost..Is there not a law against "dumping" in the United States..They are using their "Monopoly Money" to drive more companies out of business by this dumping.

I could go on and on and on..but please do not let this company be above the laws. we must be tough.

Thanks,
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